Universalisation of Anganwadis

4260. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan of Government to secure universalisation of Anganwadis, in the country by 2008 as desired by the Supreme Court;

(b) the total amount involved in the project;

(c) the status of this project in Orissa State; and

(d) the action plan of Government to cover the entire Orissa under this Centrally funded project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (d) in pursuance of the Supreme Court's directions and commitment of the Government as enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme has been expanded twice in the last two years. The first expansion was in the year 2005-06 when 466 additional ICDS Projects and 1.88 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) were sanctioned. Under the 2nd phase of expansion during 2006-07, 166 additional Projects and 106726 AWCs and 25943 Mini-AWCs have been sanctioned. With these expansions, the total number of ICDs Projects, AWCs and Mini-AWCs has increased to 6284, 10.53 lakh and 36829 respectively.

Population norms for setting up a Project and Anganwadi Centre have been relaxed and the States/UTs addressed to indicate their requirement for additional Projects/AWCs/Mini-AWCs as per the relaxed norms. On receipt of this information from States/UTs, proposal for third phase of expansion would be processed. It is expected that the Projects/ AWCs would be sanctioned and operationalized by December, 2008.

(b) The Budget allocation for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, during which the ICDS Scheme was expanded, was Rs. 3510.30 crore and Rs. 4454.42 crore, respectively. The same is Rs. 5293.00 crore for the year 2007-08, the cost estimates for the 3rd phase of expansion would be worked out only after receipt of the requirements from States/UTs.

(c) The total number of sanctioned ICDS Projects, AWCs and Mini-AWCs, including those sanctioned during the 1st and 2nd phase of expansion, in the State of Orissa is 326,41,697 and 4819 respectively. Of these, 326 ICDS Projects, 36034 AWCs are operational as on 31.12.2006.

Exploitation of domestic maids

†4261. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the torture and sexual exploitation of domestic maids;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether agencies providing maid/helpers are considered legal by Government; and

(d) if so, the provision to provide security to these girls and the steps taken by Government for their security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Women has informed that it received two complaints from Domestic Workers Forum, Delhi and Nirmala Niketan, Delhi regarding exploitation of maids.

(c) There is no specific rules and regulation governing such agencies.

(d) National Commission for Women has taken *suo-moto* cognizance of employment of maid by placement agencies and is discussing the issue with various stakeholders with a view to recommending enactment of a legislation and putting in place other monitoring mechanism to regulate the work and functioning of the placement agencies.

UN report on trafficking of girls

4262. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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